

CLAIMS

Claims 1-2 have been cancelled.

3. (Currently amended) Apparatus for mounting an accessory device comprising:

a. an outer jaw clamping member;
b. an inner jaw clamping member adapted to cooperate with said outer jaw clamping member to provide a stable and secure mounting platform for the accessory device, said inner clamping jaw member having a central orifice;

c. a coupling member adapted to be connected to the accessory device, said coupling member having a collar portion extending therefrom and adapted to fit into said inner jaw clamping member central orifice;

d. first locking means for securing said collar portion to said inner jaw clamping member including a plurality of first apertures around the circumference of said collar member, a diametrically aligned second aperture in said inner clamping jaw member and a pin member adapted to be inserted through said second aperture and a selected pair of first apertures for fixedly engaging said coupling member in said inner clamping jaw member in a desired orientation ;
and

e. second locking means including a threaded outer collar surface on of said collar portion and a locking nut mounted on said threaded surface for exerting a withdrawing force on said coupling member.

Claims 4-5 have been cancelled.

1 6. (Currently amended) Apparatus for mounting an accessory device to a railing structure comprising:

2 a. an outer jaw clamping member;

3 b. an inner jaw clamping member adapted to cooperate
4 with said outer jaw clamping member for attaching to the
5 railing structure to provide a stable and secure mounting
6 platform for the accessory device, said inner clamping jaw
7 member having a central orifice with an axis substantially
8 orthogonal to the railing structure;

9 c. a coupling member adapted to be connected to the
10 accessory device, said coupling member having a collar
11 portion extending therefrom and adapted to fit into said
12 inner jaw clamping member central orifice;

13 d. first locking means for securing said collar portion
14 to said inner jaw clamping member, including a plurality
15 of first apertures around the circumference of said
16 collar member, a diametrically aligned second aperture in
17 said inner clamping jaw member and a pin member adapted to
18 be inserted through said second aperture and a selected pair
19 of first apertures for fixedly engaging said coupling member
20 in said inner clamping jaw member in a desired orientation
21 relative to the railing structure; and

22 e. second locking means including a threaded outer
23 collar surface on of said collar portion and a locking nut
24 mounted on said threaded surface for exerting a withdrawing

26 force on said coupling member.

Cancel claims 7 and 8.

1 9. (Newly added) Apparatus for mounting an accessory
2 device comprising:

3 a. a base element having a central orifice;

4 b. a coupling member adapted to be connected to the
5 accessory device, said coupling member having a collar
6 portion extending therefrom and adapted to fit into said
7 base element central orifice;

8 c. first locking means for securing said collar por-
9 tion to said base element including a plurality of first
10 coplanar apertures around the circumference of said collar
11 portion, a diametrically aligned second aperture in said
12 base element and a pin member adapted to be inserted through
13 said second aperture and a selected pair of said first
14 apertures for fixedly engaging said coupling member in said
15 base element in a desired orientation; and

16 d. second locking means including a threaded surface
17 on said collar portion and a locking nut mounted on said
18 threaded surface for exerting a withdrawing force on said
19 coupling member.

1 10. (Newly added) Apparatus for mounting an accessory
2 device to a railing structure comprising:

3 a. a base element adapted to be attached to the rail-
4 ing structure to provide a stable and secure mounting plat-
5 form for the accessory device, said base element having a
6 central orifice with an axis substantially orthogonal to the
7 railing structure;

8 b. a coupling member adapted to be connected to the
9 accessory device, said coupling member having a collar
10 portion extending therefrom and adapted to fit into said
11 base element central orifice;

12 c. first locking means for securing said collar por-
13 tion to said base element, including a plurality of coplanar
14 first apertures around the circumference of said collar
15 portion, a diametrically aligned second aperture in said
16 base element and a pin member adapted to be inserted through
17 said second aperture and a selected pair of said first
18 apertures for fixedly engaging said coupling member in said
19 base element in a desired orientation relative to the rail-
20 ing structure; and

21 d. second locking means including a threaded outer
22 surface on said collar portion and a locking nut mounted on
23 said threaded surface for exerting a withdrawing force on
24 said coupling member.

1 11. (Newly added) For use with clamping members to
2 provide a stable and secure mounting platform for an acces-
3 sory device, apparatus for releasably mounting the accessory
4 device to the clamping members comprising:

5 a. a base element connected to the clamping members,
6 said base element having a central orifice and a diametri-
7 cally aligned first aperture in said base element;

8 b. a coupling device adapted to be connected to the
9 accessory device, said coupling device having a collar
10 member extending therefrom and sized to fit into said cen-
11 tral orifice;

12 c. locking means for securing said collar member to
13 said base element including a plurality of second apertures
14 around the circumference of said collar member and a pin
15 member sized to be inserted through said first aperture and
16 a selected pair of second apertures for fixedly engaging
17 said collar member in said orifice of said base element in a
18 desired orientation.

1 12. (Newly added) The apparatus of claim 11, further
2 including second locking means including a threaded surface
3 on said collar member and a locking nut mounted on said
4 threaded surface for exerting a withdrawing force on said
5 pin member.